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Rain brings out the mosquitoes

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 - Hampton's Mosquito Control Team would like some help battling the Asian Tiger Mosquito.

Heavy rains can cause a rise in the number of mosquito that we get, and recent rain means the Mosquito Control Team has received a number of calls from residents looking for relief from the pests.

Because the mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, flower pots, old tires, birdbaths, pet bowls and toys are just a few of the items around the house that need to be regularly checked and emptied.

Unlike other mosquitoes, the Asian Tiger's peak activity occurs during the day, so it is less susceptible to the efforts used by mosquito control to get rid of salt marsh and woodland mosquitoes, which are also in the area.

If there is a container around your house that can't be dumped, the Mosquito Control Team suggests using an environmentally safe bacterial larvicide - available in most hardware stores - to kill the mosquito larvae.

If mosquitoes are a problem in your neighborhood, remember that any outdoor activities should include the use of repellents such as DEET, and wearing light colored clothing. You might also want to minimize your times spent outdoors during peak mosquito activity, which is generally around dusk and dawn.

Residents are encouraged to contact the city's Customer Call Center at 3-1-1 or 757-727-8311 if they need more information or help. The city's Mosquito Control Team monitors the mosquito population and can check areas of specific complaints.

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